

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4461–S4511*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2601–2611, and S. Res. 502. **Pages S4502–03**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 1865, to amend the prices set for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 113–210) **Page S4502**

**Measures Passed:**

***Unlocking Consumer Choice and Wireless Competition Act:*** Senate passed S. 517, to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4510–11**

**Measures Considered:**

**Protect Women's Health from Corporate Interference Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2578, to ensure that employers cannot interfere in their employees' birth control and other health care decisions. **Pages S4461–63, S4480–96**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill upon disposition of the nomination of Ronnie L. White, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, with the time until 2 p.m., on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, and the time from 2 p.m. until 2:10 p.m. equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that at 2:10 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S4511**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor that was established in Executive Order 13348 on July 22, 2004; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–50) **Pages S4500–01**

**White Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 16, 2014, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Ronnie L. White, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, with the time until 10:15 a.m. controlled as follows: 10 minutes for Senator Grassley, 10 minutes for Senator Cornyn, 10 minutes for Senator Shaheen, and any remaining time under the control of Senator McCaskill; that at 10:15 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination; that if cloture is invoked, the time until 12:20 p.m. be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and at 12:20 p.m., all post-cloture time be expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S4511**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 224), Norman C. Bay, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. **Pages S4472–79, S4511**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 222), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4472**

By 90 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. EX. 225), Cheryl A. LaFleur, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. **Pages S4472–79, S4511**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 85 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 223), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4472**

James D. Nealon, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras.

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Robert A. Wood, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament.

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Paul Nathan Jaenichen, Sr., of Kentucky, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration.

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Measures Referred: Pages S4501–02

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—225) Pages S4472, S4479

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:24 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4511.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2015.

### SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT TO THE CONGRESS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, after receiving testimony from Janet L. Yellen, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Elliot F. Kaye, of New York, to be a Commissioner and Chairman, and Joseph P. Mohorovic, of Illinois, and Robert S. Adler, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Commissioner, all of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Judith M. Davenport, of Pennsylvania, and Elizabeth Sembler, of Florida, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Victor M. Mendez, of Arizona, to be Deputy Secretary, and Peter M. Rogoff, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Policy, both of the Department of Transportation, Bruce H. Andrews, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary, and Marcus Dwayne Jadotte, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce, and a Coast Guard Promotion List.

## WILDLAND FIRE PREPAREDNESS AND FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine wildland fire preparedness and to consider the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Senators Feinstein, McCain, and Crapo; Thomas Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Kim Thorsen, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Public Safety, Resource Protection and Emergency Services; Ken Pimlott, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Chief, Sacramento; Dan Gibbs, Summit County Commissioner, Breckenridge, Colorado; and David Porter Tenney, Navajo County Board of Supervisors, Holbrook, Arizona.

## CHRONIC ILLNESS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine chronic illness, focusing on addressing patients' unmet needs, after receiving testimony from Stephanie Dempsey, American Heart Association, Varnville, South Carolina; William A. Bornstein, Emory University Healthcare, Atlanta, Georgia; Cheryl DeMars, The Alliance, Fitchburg, Wisconsin; and Mary Margaret Lehmann, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John R. Bass, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Jane D. Hartley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as